

SENATE SUMMARY OF HOUSE AMENDMENTS

SB 468 By Senator Allain

**KEYWORD AND SUMMARY AS RETURNED TO THE SENATE**

FISH/FISHING. Provides exceptions for possession of certain saltwater fish used as bait.  
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**SUMMARY OF HOUSE AMENDMENTS TO THE SENATE BILL**

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**DIGEST OF THE SENATE BILL AS RETURNED TO THE SENATE**

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Present law requires recreational fisherman to keep intact certain body parts of saltwater recreational fish for purposes of validating length requirements and identifying species. Provides an exception for "bait species".

Proposed law removes the "bait species" exception in present law.

Proposed law prohibits possession of any finfish parts, such as filleted fish, while aboard a vessel on the water. Further provides an exception for from present law for any legally harvested saltwater recreational finfish being utilized for bait that does not have a size limit and is not in excess of any daily possession limits.

Proposed law provides that king or Spanish mackerel, if used for the purposes of bait as long as the carcass is maintained intact with head and tail attached while such parts are in possession about a fishing vessel, for purposes of determining legal size and possession limits. Authorizes the carcasses to be discarded only when no longer utilizing parts for bait.

Proposed law provides that swordfish possessed by a recreational fisherman shall not be skinned until set or put on shore.

Proposed law requires that tuna retain the caudal fin intact until set or put on shore, and those species of tuna which have minimum size restrictions may have the head removed as long as the carcass length without the head exceeds the minimum size requirement.

Proposed law provides that any garfish caught or possessed by a recreational fisherman in the saltwater areas of the state may have the head and caudal fin removed but, until the fish is set or put on shore, it shall retain a strip of skin sufficiently to clearly identify the fish.

Effective August 1, 2012.

(Amends R.S. 56:325.2(A),(B), and (C))

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